

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 16, 1997

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE JOHN T. JENKINS, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Gray, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Clerk Gerald P. Berube and Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton.

ABSENT: City Administrator Robert J. Mulready

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of September 2, 1997, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO CAMPUS SIGNAGE

An ordinance pertaining to Campus Signage, providing clear, concise and uniform directional guidance to a variety of facilities within a campus environment such as hospitals, schools and mill complexes, having had passage on first reading at the meeting of September 2nd, received its second reading at this time.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the ordinance pertaining to Campus Signage, providing clear, concise and uniform directional guidance to a variety of facilities within a campus environment such as hospitals, schools and mill complexes, has final passage by a yea and nay vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO FRONTAGE REQUIREMENTS

An ordinance pertaining to Frontage Requirements, clarifying the

definition of frontage for developed lots of record which have frontage on opposing streets and contain multiple parcels, having had passage on first reading at the meeting of September 2nd, received its second reading at this time.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

The ordinance pertaining to Frontage Requirements clarifying the definition of frontage for developed lots of record which have frontage on opposing streets and contain multiple parcels has final passage by a yea and nay vote.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO
ZONING BOUNDARIES**

An ordinance pertaining to zoning boundaries, rezoning the property located at 553-569 Sabattus Street from Office Residential (OR) District to Community Business (CB) District received its first reading at this time.

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Albert:

That the ordinance pertaining to zoning boundaries, rezoning the property located at 553-569 Sabattus Street from Office Residential (OR) District to Community Business (CB) District has passage on first reading by a yea and nay vote.

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To suspend Section 7(c) of the Rules Governing the City Council to allow for a second reading at this time.

Passed - Vote 7-0

The ordinance received its second reading at this time.

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That the ordinance pertaining to zoning boundaries, rezoning the property located at 553-569 Sabattus Street from Office Residential (OR) District to Community Business (CB) District has final passage by a yea and nay vote.

Passed - Vote 7-0

A motion was made by Councilor Bilodeau and seconded by Councilor Kell that the ordinance pertaining to zoning boundaries, rezoning a portion the property located at 49-51 Hamel Road from Office Service (OS) District to Rural Agricultural (RA) District has passage on first reading by a and nay vote.

The City Clerk advised the Council that the Planning Board did not act this issue at its last meeting, opting to hold another public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd. Councilor Kelly stated he felt this was a very important issue and the City Council should wait for the Planning Board recommendation and hear all parties concerned and the following action was taken.

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To table until a report is received from the Planning Board the ordinance pertaining to zoning boundaries, rezoning a portion of the property located at 49-51 Hamel Road from Office Service (OS) District to Rural Agricultural (RA) District.
Passed - Vote 7-0

A brief discussion was held on implementation of the Voluntary Contribution Program as recommended by the Lewiston Auburn Tax-Exempt Committee.

Although some Council members felt this was a good start in getting tax-exempt entities to contribute, Councilor Lynch stated he could not support the program and let tax-exempt institutions feel they are getting off. He stated that legislation is needed for qualification as non-profit as they must pay their fair share of taxes.

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the City Council go on record in favor of implementing Voluntary Contribution Program as outlined in the report of the Lewiston Auburn Tax-Exempt Committee.
Passed - Vote 5-2 Councilors Lynch and Samson opposed.

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To authorize the acceptance of Local Law Enforcement Block G in the amount of \$105,449.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice. Passed - Vote - 7-0

VOTE (10)

Motion by Council Putnam, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize Doug & Sonia Taylor to use the Birch Street Park on Friday, October 31st subject to the following conditions:

1. Area to be kept properly cleaned by Doug & Sonia Taylor.
 2. Security, satisfactory to the Police Chief, to be provided at the expense of Doug & Sonia Taylor
- Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (11)

Motion by Council Putnam, seconded by Councilor Albert:

That City Council President Frank Kelly be designated as the voting delegate for the City of Lewiston at the Maine Municipal Association's Annual Business Meeting.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (12)

Motion by Council Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Gray:

That Councilor Paul Samson be designated as the alternate voting delegate for the City of Lewiston at the Maine Municipal Association's Annual Business Meeting.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (13)

Motion by Council Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the City Clerk be authorized to cast a ballot for the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee.

Passed - Vote 7-0

The Mayor congratulated Assistant Administrator Peter Crichton and Members of the City Council for their efforts in getting the United States headquarters for the Forum Francophone des Affaires located in Lewiston. Members of the City Council also thanked Mayor Jenkins for his efforts as a member of the FFA Committee.

Councilor Samson requested that the Mayor suggest the appointment of a Councilor as a voting member of the FFA Board.

VOTE (14)

Motion by Council Samson, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That an update on the Forum Francophone des Affaires and the membership or its committees be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (15)

Motion by Council Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To go into executive session to discuss negotiations for the Cable Television Franchise Transfer Agreement and the District Court. Passed - Vote 7-0

Reconvened into open session.

VOTE (16)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Gerald P. Berube, CMC

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Lewiston, Maine